

COLLEGE OF MARIN  
ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes  
May 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 12:45 PM AC 303

**Senators Present:** Beattie, Coulson, France, Jones, King, Kreit, Muller, Perrone, Rolston, Seery, Wood

Topic	Description Information Discussion Action
Agenda	Wood/Beattie — Approved by all Senators present.
Minutes from 5/4	Review/Revise/Approve King/Perrone – Edits: the bill about course repeats was AB 811 and a course could be repeated 3 times if passed. Approved by all Senators present.
Public Requests	None
<b>Officers' Reports</b>	
<p>President – Next week the Senate will meet twice. The first meeting will be business as usual. We will review the Guided Pathways document with Tonya Hersch and Gina Cullen; Cari Torres will attend to go over the Senate-sponsored UDWC calls; and, the Senate will discuss officer job descriptions.</p> <p>The second meeting will be to seat the Senate for 2023 – 2024. At that meeting we will elect the Treasurer and Secretary.</p> <p>The last Board meeting of the semester is Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup>. If Senators have anything they would like Maria to share with the BOT, let her know.</p> <p>The guided pathways document will be available. Tonya and Gina will attend. Cari will come also to talk about Senate sponsored units. The Senate will talk about officer job descriptions and also vote on new secretary and treasurer. The last board meeting is next Tuesday.</p> <p>Vice President – deferred</p> <p>PLC update – UEI and Psychological services have proposed two full days on equity and mental health during flex week in August. The Senators commented positively and approved this proposal based on needs for more mental health support and the success of the previous day-long workshop.</p>	
Invited Guest: Jonathan Eldridge: Update on Equitable Placement and Completion Plan and other interesting topics	

COM is still in the midst of hiring up to 8 new faculty members. Two have been hired in Nursing. An offer is out for KIN. They are checking references for Music, starting on up to three hires in ESL, and will begin working on Multimedia and Graphic Design soon.

Equity in performance evaluations – we are ahead of the curve, but the state has issued a guidance memo on it because there has been a change in CA regulations.

VP King asked if VP Eldridge saw evaluations opening next year in CBA, and he answered that there had been a massive rewrite recently and his guess is they will start revising and it will be an ongoing concern for the CBE. The contract will be opening up within the next few months. This will be “at least discussed.”

Regarding AB705/1705 – VP Eldridge met with Math chair and dean, and will meet tomorrow with the dean and co-chairs of English. The college will get 366k for equity and outcomes. They want to know what the departments will do with those funds. Our numbers for African American pass rates in Math and English are very low. For some categories, the College we doesn't have enough people to be able to draw conclusions. Dr. Eldridge has spoken with UPM to make sure we can do this in departments and not have to do UDWC calls. There is a lot of money coming in, the work has to be faculty-driven, and must be spent next year. Dr. Eldridge explained that ESL would not be consulted because this is for transfer level only.

PRAC: All but very few requests will be funded, including five new vans for field trips and Athletics.

There has been an agreement from the other VP to convene key people to assure better, more timely, more consultative communication regarding facilities, IT, and other issues.

Fire Foundry and Marin Fire – Fire service is trying to diversify ranks and increase staffing. The COM program at IVC is providing classes and work – COM hired a FT fire tech EMT Ken Allen. The intent is to continue to grow the program. Marin Fire wants to be able to house the folks in fire foundry program and house other fire personnel who are working during fire season. Building 17 at IVC has been sitting empty for many years. They could house 25-30 students working in the fire service year round, and closer to 70-75 during peak fire season. And they could also store equipment there. Benefit to the college: these students will pursue other opportunities at the college. An MOU exists now with county who will fund the architectural plans to remodel building 17 and create space near it. Details will go to the board in the next few months. This doesn't cost COM anything.

<b>Closed Session</b> S/P Search	Faculty nominations to search committee	
Report	5 people were selected to move forward to the Board, with alternates also selected.	
Officer Job Descriptions	President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer	deferred
APs/BPs		

AP 7400 Travel – AB1887 prohibits state-funded and state-sponsored travel to certain states. Namely those with discriminatory laws. Technically it doesn't apply to CCs but our AP always follows the spirit of the law and there are rules about federal funds. If you want to take Ss through or to a banned state you need to prove that the SLOs couldn't be met elsewhere. VP would have final say.

Approved by roll call (King/Muller)

Ayes: Beattie, Coulson, France, Jones, King, Kreit, Muller, Perrone, Rolston, Seery, Wood

Absences: Schmidt

Wrap Up/Future business	Patty France, Tonya Hersch, Sarah Frye and Dave Patterson, Nequeshe Dyer, and Sara Malmquist West will be honored at the staff appreciation lunch	
Adjourn		2:03

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